

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 5, wherein said top sheet comprises a material selected from the group consisting of porous foams, apertured films, natural fibers and plastic synthetic fibers.
3. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 5, wherein said back sheet comprises a film selected from the group consisting of extruded polyethylene and extruded polypropylene.
4. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 5, wherein said super absorbent polymer is a cross-linked sodium polyacrylate.
5. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article for collecting excreted liquid animal waste ~~to be worn by an animal and suitable for collecting animal waste, the article~~ comprising:
 - a liquid permeable top sheet;
 - a liquid impermeable back sheet; and
 - an absorbent layer disposed between said top sheet and said back sheet and comprising super absorbent polymer granules for absorbing and neutralizing said liquid animal waste and being directly adhered to said back sheet by an adhesive;
 - ~~wherein~~ said super absorbent polymer is being an acidic super absorbent polymer and said article adapted to be worn by an animal along where said liquid waste is excreted.
6. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 5, wherein said adhesive is selected from the group consisting of organic adhesives, vegetable adhesives and synthetic adhesives.

7. (Original) The article of Claim 6, wherein said synthetic adhesives are selected from the group consisting of thermo-setting adhesives, thermoplastic resins and elastomeric adhesives.

8. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 5, wherein the article has a thickness of between about 0.015 and 0.025 inches.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The roll of Claim 13, wherein said top sheet comprises a material selected from the group consisting of porous foams, apertured films, natural fibers and plastic synthetic fibers.

11. (Previously Presented) The roll of Claim 13, wherein said back sheet comprises a film selected from the group consisting of extruded polyethylene and extruded polypropylene.

12. (Previously Presented) The roll of Claim 13, wherein said super absorbent polymer is a cross-linked sodium polyacrylate.

13. (Currently Amended) A packaged roll of disposable articles suitable for collecting liquid animal waste comprising a plurality of absorbent pads, selectively separable from one another, each said pad including a liquid-permeable top sheet, a liquid-impermeable back sheet, and an absorbent layer disposed therebetween and defined solely by super absorbent polymer granules for absorbing and neutralizing said liquid animal waste, and being directly adhered to said back sheet, ~~wherein~~ said super absorbent polymer ~~is~~ being an acidic super absorbent polymer and said article adapted to be worn by an animal along where said liquid waste is excreted.

14. (Previously Presented) The roll of Claim 13, wherein said adhesive is selected from the group consisting of organic adhesives, vegetable adhesives and synthetic adhesives.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The roll of Claim 14, wherein said synthetic adhesives are selected from the group consisting of thermo-setting adhesives, thermoplastic resins and elastomeric adhesives.

17. (Previously Presented) The roll of Claim 13, wherein said pads each have a plurality of edges wherein at least one of said edges of each of said pads is defined by a transverse score line located at said edge along which said pads are selectively separable from one another at a pre-designated location.

18. (Previously Presented) The roll of Claim 13, wherein each pad has a thickness of between about 0.015 and 0.025 inches.

19 - 28 (Cancelled)

29. (New) A method for effectively collecting liquid animal waste comprising the steps of:

constructing a disposable absorbent article defined by a liquid permeable top sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and an absorbent layer disposed between said top sheet and said back sheet and comprising acidic super absorbent polymer granules;

adhering said super absorbent polymer granules directly to said back sheet by an adhesive; and

applying said article to an animal along where said liquid waste is excreted in order to absorb and neutralize said excreted waste.

30. (New) The method of Claim 29, further including the step of forming said top sheet from a material selected from the group consisting of porous foams, apertured films, natural fibers and plastic synthetic fibers.

31. (New) The method of Claim 29, further including the step of forming

said back sheet from a film selected from the group consisting of extruded polyethylene and extruded polypropylene.

32. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein said super absorbent polymer is a cross-linked sodium polyacrylate.

33. (New) The article of Claim 29, wherein said adhesive is selected from the group consisting of organic adhesives, vegetable adhesives and synthetic adhesives.

34. (New) The article of Claim 29, further including the step of forming, the article with a thickness of between about 0.015 and 0.025 inches.

35. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said applying step is facilitated by means of an adhesive surface along at least a portion of the article for maintaining the article in position on the animal where said liquid waste is excreted.